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Remarks by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

“...We have now reached the critical juncture in these negotiations. I understand that the talks have been difficult. I know that our team, along with many others, is working hard and around the clock to forge a deal. And we will continue doing all that we can do. But the time is at hand for all countries to reach for common ground and take an historic step that we can all be proud of.

There is a way forward based on a number of core elements: decisive national actions, an operational accord that internationalizes those actions, assistance for nations that are the most vulnerable and least prepared to meet the effects of climate change, and standards of transparency that provide credibility to the entire process. The world community should accept no less.

And the United States is ready to embrace this path.

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To read a transcript of her remarks, click [here](#).



185 Nablus Teachers Complete U.S. Consulate General - Funded Environmental Awareness Program at An-Najah University

U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem Public Affairs Officer Mr. Frank Finver joined Dr. Marwan Haddad, Director of the Water and Environmental Studies Institute (WESI) at An-Najah University, for the closing ceremony of an environmental awareness program at An-Najah University in Nablus.

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Salfeet Welcomes New American Corner as a Sign of Friendship and Cooperation

The Governor of Salfeet, Brigadier General Munir Aboushi; the Mayor of the Municipality of Salfeet, Tahseen Abd Al-Haleem Salimah; and U.S. Consul General Daniel Rubinstein joined the people of Salfeet to celebrate the opening of a new American Corner on December 15.

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U.S. Provides \$75 Million in Budget Support to Palestinian Authority

Palestinian Authority (PA) Prime Minister Salam Fayyad, U.S. Consul General Daniel Rubinstein, USAID West Bank/Gaza Mission Director Howard Sumka and Director General for External Relations at the PA Ministry of Finance Mazen Jadallah announced the delivery of \$75 million in budget support for the PA during a ceremony today at the Council of Ministers in Ramallah.

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Video Contest

U.S. Department of State Launches Second Annual ExchangesConnect Video Contest to Amplify U.S. Public Diplomacy: "Change Your Climate, Change Our World"



Change Your Climate, Change Our World.

What do you do to make your community a better place?

Office of the Spokesman
Washington, DC
November 17, 2009

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton today launched the Department of State's second annual ExchangesConnect Video Contest, "Change Your Climate, Change Our World," with a video message on the ExchangesConnect social network at <http://connect.state.gov>.

The contest is a call to action for global citizens around the world to engage in cross-cultural community building and mutual understanding. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the U.S. Department of State launched ExchangesConnect social network in October 2008 and it has attracted over 14,000 members.

People all over the world, ages 14 and older, are invited to submit their 2-minute videos to ExchangesConnect at <http://connect.state.gov>. Two international and two American winners (one in each of the two age categories: 14-17 and 18 and older) will receive one of four Grand Prizes: an all-expense-paid two-week international exchange program. Last year's contest drew over 8,400 new ExchangesConnect members from 170 countries and the winners were featured at <http://exchanges.state.gov/news/ovc.html>.

Video submissions will be accepted November 17, 2009 through January 12, 2010. The ExchangesConnect community will vote on video entries and an expert panel of judges, all ECA exchange program alumni, will rank the "top 40" videos based on originality, creativity, effectiveness and production quality.

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Explore America

Episode 1: Springville, Utah



Educational Exchanges

Deadlines:

-  The 2010 Study of the United States Institutes Summer Programs | **Wednesday, January 13, 2010**
-  The AY 2010 NESA Non-Degree Undergraduate Exchange Program | **Friday, January 15, 2010**
-  The AY 2010-2011 Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program | **Friday, January 15, 2010**

Selected E-Docs

-  EDUCATION AND OBESITY IN FOUR OECD COUNTRIES. Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. Franco Sassi et al. December 10, 2009.
-  EMERGING LEADERS: HOW THE DEVELOPING WORLD IS STARTING A NEW ERA OF CLIMATE CHANGE LEADERSHIP. World Wildlife Fund. Mark Lutes. Web posted December 10, 2009.
-  ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING: IMPROVED COMMUNICATION COULD ENHANCE THE SUPPORT FINCEN PROVIDES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. U.S. Government Accountability Office. December 2009
-  CITIES, CLIMATE CHANGE AND MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. J. Corfee-Merlot et al. Web posted December 9, 2009.
-  ACADEMIC LIBRARIES: 2008. U.S. Department of Education. Tai Phan et al. December 2009.
-  PUBLIC DIPLOMACY 2.0: WHERE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MEETS “NEW MEDIA.” The Heritage Foundation. Helle C. Dale. December 8, 2009.
-  USING STATE TESTS IN EDUCATION EXPERIMENTS: A DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES. U.S. Department of Education. December 2009.